

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 23-67 without prejudice.

1-22. (Canceled).

23-67. (Canceled).

68. (New) A stent having a longitudinal axis and comprising:

a plurality of closed cells disposed about the circumference of the stent, with each of the cells being non-symmetrical about the longitudinal axis, the plurality of cells defining a first longitudinal row of cells and a second adjacent longitudinal row of cells;

wherein each cell in the first longitudinal row of cells has exactly twelve bends; and

wherein each cell in the second longitudinal row of cells has more than twelve bends.

69. (New) The stent of claim 68, wherein each cell in the second longitudinal row of cells has exactly fourteen bends.

70. (New) The stent of claim 68, wherein each cell in a longitudinal row is directly connected to an adjacent cell in the same longitudinal row.

71. (New) The stent of claim 68, wherein each cell in the first longitudinal row of cells has exactly four struts that are connected to each other to form the cell, with each strut having exactly two spaced-apart bends.

72. (New) The stent of claim 68, wherein each cell in the first longitudinal row of cells has a straight portion that is positioned between each of the bends.

73. (New) The stent of claim 68, wherein exactly three of the bends in each cell in the first longitudinal row of cells define an internal angle that is less than ninety degrees.

74. (New) The stent of claim 68, wherein five of the twelve bends in each cell in the first longitudinal row of cells extend inside the cell.

75. (New) The stent of claim 68, wherein seven of the twelve bends in each cell in the first longitudinal row of cells extend outside the cell.

76. (New) The stent of claim 68, wherein one of the twelve bends in each cell in the first longitudinal row of cells is a central bottom bend which extends into the cell.

77. (New) The stent of claim 68, wherein each cell in the second longitudinal row of cells has exactly four struts that are connected to each other to form the cell, with two of the struts having exactly two spaced-apart bends and two of the struts having exactly three spaced-apart bends.

78. (New) The stent of claim 69, wherein six of the fourteen bends in each cell in the second longitudinal row of cells extend inside the cell.

79. (New) The stent of claim 69, wherein eight of the fourteen bends in each cell in the second longitudinal row of cells extend outside the cell.

80. (New) The stent of claim 69, wherein one of the fourteen bends in each cell in the second longitudinal row of cells is a central top bend which extends out of the cell.

81. (New) The stent of claim 68, wherein each cell in the second longitudinal row of cells has a different orientation from each cell in the first longitudinal row of cells.